

Labour Force Status of the Household Population (Age 15 Years and above) by Year and Region

Year / Region	Household Population (15 Years & Over)	Labour Force						Not in Labour Force
		Total Labour Force	Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Rate (% to Total Labour Force)	Number	Rate (% to Total Labour Force)	
Year 2021								
Colombo	1,975,635	971,711	49.2	929,406	95.6	42,305	4.4	1,003,924
Gamapaha	1,951,393	946,631	48.5	902,383	95.3	44,248	4.7	1,004,762
Kalutara	1,035,500	502,017	48.5	469,248	93.5	32,769	6.5	533,483
Western Province	4,962,528	2,420,359	48.8	2,301,037	95.1	119,322	4.9	2,542,169
Sri Lanka	17,133,659	8,553,290	49.9	8,113,507	94.9	439,783	5.1	8,580,369
Year 2020								
Colombo	1,941,623	962,163	49.6	915,651	95.2	46,512	4.8	979,460
Gamapaha	1,917,453	932,471	48.6	874,403	93.8	58,068	6.2	984,983
Kalutara	1,013,653	501,753	49.5	474,512	94.6	27,241	5.4	511,900
Western Province	4,872,730	2,396,387	49.2	2,264,566	94.5	131,821	5.5	2,476,343
Sri Lanka	16,739,396	8,466,606	50.6	7,999,093	94.5	467,513	5.5	8,272,790
Year 2019								
Colombo	1,875,085	985,745	52.6	944,871	95.9	40,874	4.1	889,339
Gamapaha	1,878,966	952,953	50.7	912,130	95.7	40,823	4.3	926,013
Kalutara	990,862	506,368	51.1	490,106	96.8	16,262	3.2	484,494
Western Province	4,744,913	2,445,066	51.5	2,347,107	96.0	97,959	4.0	2,299,846
Sri Lanka	16,424,016	8,592,010	52.3	8,180,693	95.2	411,318	4.8	7,832,006
Year 2018								
Colombo	1,844,312	975,386	52.9	940,442	96.4	34,944	3.6	868,926
Gamapaha	1,850,062	887,844	48.0	865,824	97.5	22,019	2.5	962,218
Kalutara	972,621	498,320	51.2	482,229	96.8	16,091	3.2	474,301
Western Province	4,666,995	2,361,550	50.6	2,288,495	96.9	73,054	3.1	2,305,445
Sri Lanka	16,196,232	8,387,759	51.8	8,015,166	95.6	372,593	4.4	7,808,473
Year 2017								
Colombo	1,828,809	983,964	53.8	948,726	96.4	35,237	3.6	844,845
Gamapaha	1,831,620	927,408	50.6	897,198	96.7	30,211	3.3	904,211
Kalutara	974,496	516,546	53.0	503,790	97.5	12,756	2.5	457,950
Western Province	4,634,925	2,427,918	52.4	2,349,714	96.8	78,204	3.2	2,207,006
Sri Lanka	15,843,735	8,566,686	54.1	8,208,179	95.8	358,507	4.2	7,277,049
Year 2016								
Colombo	1,792,533	931,466	52.0	904,255	97.1	27,212	2.9	861,067
Gamapaha	1,761,942	893,083	50.7	861,085	96.4	31,998	3.6	868,858
Kalutara	940,159	499,318	53.1	484,343	97.0	14,976	3.0	440,841
Western Province	4,494,634	2,323,867	51.7	2,249,683	96.8	74,186	3.2	2,170,766
Sri Lanka	15,448,679	8,310,682	53.8	7,947,683	95.6	362,999	4.4	7,137,997

Source : Department of Census and Statistics